

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST FOR ESB 506

Citations Affected: IC 5-14-6.

Synopsis: Legislative documents. Specifies that certain legislative documents are to be distributed in electronic format unless the legislative council, the principal secretary of the senate, or the principal clerk of the house of representatives directs that paper copies be used. Provides that any unused appropriations made for the purpose of printing and distributing legislative documents shall be transferred by the director of legislative services to a nonreverting fund. Requires state agencies that: (1) are required by law to produce an annual or other report for the entire general assembly or for the legislative council or legislative services agency (LSA); or (2) voluntarily produce a report for the entire general assembly or for the legislative council or LSA; submit the report in electronic form instead of sending paper copies. Requires the submitting agency to cause the report to be electronically mailed to each legislator and posted on the Internet. Requires the LSA to periodically compile all of the reports received from state agencies on a CD-ROM or other electronic medium for distribution to members of the general assembly. Requires the LSA to prepare legislation for the 2003 regular session to make conforming amendments to statutes that contain annual report requirements.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2002.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the House upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 506 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Page 2, between lines 32 and 33, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 2 "SECTION 3. IC 5-14-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
- 3 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 4 1, 2002]:
- 5 **Chapter 6. Electronic Transmission of Reports to the General**
- 6 **Assembly**
- 7 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "public agency" includes the**
- 8 **following:**
- 9 (1) The judicial branch of state government.
- 10 (2) A state agency (as defined in IC 4-13-1-1).
- 11 (3) A body corporate and politic created by statute.
- 12 (4) A state educational institution (as defined in
- 13 IC 20-12-0.5-1).
- 14 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "report" includes any annual or**
- 15 **other report that a public agency:**
- 16 (1) voluntarily; or
- 17 (2) under a statutory directive;
- 18 **submits to the entire membership of the general assembly, the**
- 19 **legislative services agency, or the legislative council. The term does**
- 20 **not include any document prepared for or at the request of an**
- 21 **individual member or committee of the general assembly.**
- 22 **Sec. 3. (a) A public agency may not submit a report to the general**

1 assembly, the legislative services agency, or the legislative council
2 on paper.

3 (b) Notwithstanding any law, no funds appropriated to a public
4 agency from the state treasury may be used to duplicate, print,
5 distribute, or mail a report to the general assembly, the legislative
6 services agency, or the legislative council in violation of this
7 chapter.

8 Sec. 4. (a) A public agency shall submit all reports in an
9 electronic format specified by the executive director of the
10 legislative services agency. Unless otherwise specified in statute, the
11 electronic copy shall be delivered to the executive director of the
12 legislative services agency.

13 (b) An agency that submits a report under subsection (a) shall do
14 the following:

15 (1) Post, or cause to be posted, a copy of the report on the
16 Internet.

17 (2) Send a copy of the report to each member of the general
18 assembly, using the member's senate or house of
19 representatives electronic mail address.

20 (c) The legislative services agency shall periodically compile
21 reports received under this chapter on a CD-ROM or other
22 suitable storage medium and shall distribute copies of the
23 CD-ROM or other medium to any member of the general assembly
24 who requests a copy.

25 SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The legislative
26 services agency, under the direction of the code revision
27 commission, shall prepare legislation for introduction during the
28 2003 regular session of the general assembly that brings statutes
29 concerning annual or other reports by public agencies into
30 conformity with the provisions of this act.

31 (b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2004."

32 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to ESB 506 as printed February 22, 2002.)

Conference Committee Report
on
Engrossed Senate Bill 506

Signed by:

Senator Ford
Chairperson

Representative Dobis

Senator Alexa

Representative Murphy

Senate Conferees

House Conferees